

KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGETOWN

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF 16 FEBRUARY 2009

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Nineteen members welcomed are guests, Margaret Richmond, Bethe Carnie, Rosemary Mitton, Shelley Bloomfield, Rebecca Malott and Charlie Mitton. In celebration of Valentine's Day, PP Ken, on behalf of the program committee, presented all ladies with a chocolate rose. These special chocolates were made by the Aktion Club as one of their fundraisers. All proceeds from the sale of these chocolates are being donated to the MRI Campaign and Sleeping Children Around the World. Members and guests enjoyed a very interesting and informative presentation on diamonds and the diamond mining industry in Canada.

Happy \$\$ - PLG Allen had three happy \$ - to thank Gary and June for babysitting Marley, - for Gary and Dr. John being there this week to help – and for Betty's successful day surgery. PG Dr. John had 4 happy \$ (IOU's) – for a successful quiz night, for a very successful and fun gourmet dinner – for Kiwanis meetings since he attended a Rotary meeting where there wasn't much fun - # 4 was missed by this reporter.

Key Club – VP Rebecca reported that the Key Club made \$210.00 from the concession stand at quiz night. There will be seven members, advisors Elsa Natvik and President June, and Treasurer Gary attending the Key Club convention.



Vice-President Alan thanks Charlie Mitton

KIWANIS is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

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E.C.& C. District Website: www.kiwanisecc.org

Kiwanis International Website: www.kiwanis.org



DIAMONDS!

Charlie Mitton, son of PP Craig and Rosemary Mitton gave an exceptional presentation on diamonds and diamond mining in Canada.

Charlie is a graduate of George Brown College in goldsmithing and Georgian College in silversmithing. After graduation Charlie worked for Burks in Toronto and Tiffany's in Vancouver. He has returned to Ridgetown and joined the family business.

Diamonds are the hardest material in the world. Diamonds are 99.5 % carbon and the remaining .05% is made up of trace elements that affect the look, clarity and shape of the stone.

The International system used to describe and value diamonds is the 4C's – cut, clarity, colour and carat weight.

The colour valuation goes from colourless to near colourless to noticeable colour. Not all colours in a diamond are desirable.

Clarity goes from flawless to internally flawless to slightly included. A flawless diamond is very rare.

Cut is very important to the value of the diamond. The symmetry and proportions of each part of the cut diamond are very important in determining the diamond's value.

Carat weight – the larger the stone the more rare and more valuable.

The Canadian Diamond mining industry is growing. Currently there are three mines operating and a fourth coming soon. Canada is one of the top 3 producers of diamonds in the world. Diamonds were first discovered in 1991 in Northern Canada, in the Northwest Territories. The first mine opened in 1998, the second mine in 2003 and the third in 2006. From 1998 to 2006 13.8 million carats of diamonds have been mined worth over 2.8 billion dollars. Canadian diamonds are known as very clean, meaning their production does not support terrorist activities as it does in other countries around the world. Fifteen percent of the world supply of diamonds comes from Canada and experts believe the mines will continue to produce for at least another 18 years.

The mines operating in the northern provinces are very conscious of the eco system in the area and work hard to preserve natural fishing and wildlife habitats. Canadian diamonds are very competitive in the world market for quality and price.



Charlie explains the diamond certificate



Marg Richmond views a diamond ring through the jeweler's magnifier



“ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

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The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of the Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, 59 Main St. E., Ridgetown, every Thursday, from September 1st through June 30th each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.

GOURMET DINNER



Gourmet winner Melissa Doyle and her friends enjoying dinner.



Servers and diners at the end of the evening

Menu for the evening was:

Hors d'oeuvres - tapenade, beef roulades, artichoke dip

Roasted onion and garlic soup

Tomato tart tatin on a bed of mixed greens

Kiwi lime sorbet

Chicken filets with a champagne mushroom sauce served with mushroom risotto and sautéed green beans

Pana cotta served with a blackberry coulis or chocolate pecan torte

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Feb 19	Councillor Jim Brown, Steve Pinnoneault
Feb 26	Business & Board meeting
Feb 28	Division 4 DCM
Mar 5	Chili cookoff – Kiwanians Kevin & Debbie defend their title
Mar 12	St. Patrick's Day program – Green?
Mar 19	Greg Hetherington – Mt. Kilimanjaro climb
Mar 26	Business & board meeting
Mar 28 & 29	Spring Craft Show
Apr 2	to be determined
Apr 4	Kiwanis One Day – highway cleanup
Apr 9	President June hands the gavel to PE Debbie
Apr 16	Ridgetown Rejuvenation Committee
Apr 23	Business and board meeting
Apr 25 – 28	Governor Sheron's visit to Division 4
Apr 30	Key Club chairs the meeting
May 7	Wind turbine tour
May 14	Fun night
May 21	Key Club trounces Kiwanis at ball game
May 28	Business and board meeting
May 30	Teddy Bear Picnic
June 4	A famous "mystery tour"
June 11	Car rally
June 18	Business and board meeting
June 24 – 27	International Convention

KIWANIS CLUB OF BRANTFORD

Saturday, March 21 the Kiwanis Club of Brantford celebrates their 90th anniversary. The celebration will be held at the Best Western Brant Park Inn, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford. Kiwanis International President Don Canaday will be speaking. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner at 6:30, cost is \$50.00 per person. RSVP by March 10 to PG Joanne Murray.

CLUB OFFICERS:

President June Guyitt

Past President Randy Ross

Secretary Barb Doxtater

DIRECTORS:

Dale Smith, John Button, Brad Carnie, John Case, (1 year)

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)

President-elect Debbie Button

Vice-president Alan Bloomfield

Treasurer Gary Guyitt

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor Sheron Cameron-Dunn

Governor Elect: Gary Levine

Immediate Past Governor Chuck McIlravey

Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey

Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross